of Parliament and over 500 experts, artistes and organizations. However, no time limit can be specified at this point of time for the evolution of a National Cultural Policy though the approach in the matter will be consensual.

Request for refusal of allocation

3265. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some request of State Government of Himachal Pradesh for refund of Rs. 31.45 crores deducted by the Ministry from the Central plan allocations of the State Government during 1994-95, 1995-96 1996-97 and 1997-98 is pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the date of its pendency;

(c) whether Government propose to settle the long issue now; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Involvement of liquor barons in FERA violations

3266. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Enforcement Directorate at New Delhi has served notice to M/s United Breweries for alleged Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) violations to the tune of crores of rupees;

(b) whether Government are aware that several liquor manufacturers in the country are grossly involved in FERA violations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps Government propose to take to check involvement of liquor barons in the FERA violations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. No show cause notice has been issued to Messers United Breweries by the Enforcement Directorate for alleged violation of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act. However, the Enforcement Directorate in investigating two cases against Messers United Breweries Limited.